

## EUROPE.

## AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

There has been a pretty quarrel going on these two weeks between the French Minister at Rome on one side, and several high Roman dignitaries on the other, which has been taken up on its various sides by parties here, and has come to be quite interesting. To begin just after the beginning, and report briefly: General Lamoricière is declared that the French Government had promised to oppose by force the entrance of the Piedmontese troops into the Papal States, and was engaged to prevent the bombardment of Ancona. After this declaration had made a good deal of noise, and its truth had been denied, Lamoricière sent a letter to the Roman official journal, repeating it formally, and giving his proofs, the gravest of which are a copy of the dispatch received by him Sept. 16, from M. de Montebello, the Roman Minister of War, that he was to be the exact copy of a dispatch previously sent by M. de Gramont, the French Minister at Rome, to the French Consul at Ancona; and his statement of the purport of a dispatch received from the same high Roman official six days previously, in which he, the War Minister, Bishop Morde, and the French Government, had agreed upon an attack upon the Roman States "by force."

Thereupon the French Minister at Rome, M. de Gramont, writes a sharp letter to Cardinal Anselmi, charging, first, that War Minister Bishop Morde falsified the dispatch by adding to it the words "by force;" secondly, that the Bishop, or rather, the Pontifical Government, did a shabby thing in flinging, as it were, from the telegraph office, a dispatch that was not addressed to it [on this point, the representative of the French Government, which claims as a right, and practices, the violation of the secrecy of all correspondence, whether by post or telegraph, is uncommonly severe and indignantly virtuous]; thirdly, that it was surprisingly improper for the Pontifical Government to publish Lamoricière's article in the official journal. Finally, the angry Duke tells the Cardinal that the misstatement must be rectified, or else he (the Duke) shall take his own measures to make the truth known to the public, whose knowledge it was the evident purpose of the official journal of Rome to darken. Whether, now, scared by the wrath of the Duke, or by threats of the turn coming out, or glad of a chance to do an ill turn to the French General and to the Belgian Bishop, whose bribe, foreign way of doing things, and authoritative interference, have always offended his Italian habits and excited his Italian jealousy, the Cardinal ordered the official journal to rectify the article in question, by stating that the words "by force" were not in the dispatch of the Duke of Gramont. The Cardinal here in Paris has already been told to say that the words "by force" had been falsely attributed to the Duke, and did so say, in M. Grandguillot's grandest style.

But what the Duke and Grandguillot, and probably their common sense, was not, was not, after all, that Lamoricière, or Morde, had added the words "by force;" it was that Morde, or somebody for him, had flung the real dispatch which Lamoricière publishes word for word in his article. Now it is perfectly true that this dispatch does not say that the Emperor will oppose the entrance of the Piedmontese troops "by force;" but it does say that the Emperor wrote from "Marseilles to the King of Sardinia, that if the Piedmontese troops enter the Pontifical territory, he shall be forced to oppose them."

The French Government will not tolerate the calumnies of the Sardinian Government. This cannot be explained away by public attention cannot be distracted from it to a side issue, as it is a false issue, for the worst that can be said against the War Minister and the glibly bawling man of his militant flock, is that they interpreted the dispatch erroneously. Considering the passages just quoted from it, one would say that their interpretation was natural enough; certainly not a strained guess.

But facts are checked that winna drink. And don't be deceived.

This dispatch from Marseilles, repeated from the French Embassy at Rome early in September is one of the most enigmatical words that it is let speak out.

It is evident enough (and this is the important side of the case) that at that time Louis Napoleon, despite all his shrewdness, and great ability and long foresight, did think that the Italian national movement could be stopped. Then, as so often before, within the past eighteen months, he underestimated its force. Earnestly deprecating, as it was most natural, in his double character of enemy to Revolution and of continuator of traditional French policy, that he should, the formation of a strong united Italy, of a grand Mediterranean Power, he thought that here was a last chance of preventing that formation from completing itself and of keeping Italy in subordination to France. But grant that this opinion of the motives of his letter is a mistake one. It is certain that at that time, at that time, the Pope was inspired with a fresh confidence of being protected in his temporality.

It is probable that the inspiration came from this unucky declaration, made, indeed, only to the French Ambassador, but flung from the telegraph office, that Piedmontese invasion was telegraphic, and would not be tolerated. It has been tolerated. What is more, in parts of the Papal Territory garrisoned by the French, as Viterbo, the popular voting for Victor Emmanuel has been going on simultaneously with the popular voting in Umbria and the Marches. But what is still more worthy of note is the very angry and arrogant tone of the French Minister's letter to Antonio. There has not yet been such imperious official talk to the Pope from France since Louis Napoleon's vexatious and obstinate ingratitude of the Papacy for protection, and its obstinate persistence in not reforming, is getting the better of his hereditary Dutch phlegm.

There has been great cool also about the French Admiral, Le Barlier de Tinn's intervention the other day to prevent the Piedmontese Admiral's supporting by bombardment a disembarkment of forces from sea, the operations of the Italian land troops against the forces of King Francis. There is some doubt as to the real state of the facts, a doubt which the official Monitor is silently careful not to clear up. The truth seems to be, in the main, nearly this: Piedmontese Admiral sails up ready to support Piedmontese land troops; French Admiral sends word that he must not, will get broadsided if he tries; Piedmontese Admiral "holds up" for that boat, under protest, and two or three days later, having more ships meantime, says: "Broadside if you will; I shall not repeat the attack, but shall do my King all collaborating with the land forces of my King all the same." French Admiral gets scared at the prospect of so extremely grave a responsibility, and sends orders direct and definite from his Government. While steamer Deserates is gone on this mission, comes off the great battle between King Francis's army, and Victor Emmanuel's army, in which, by help of Admiral Persano's ships, the former is beaten out and out. Really now, inquires the pensive public, what were Admiral Le Barlier de Tinn's orders? The very question, apparently, that Admiral B. de T. sent to Toulon to have answered. Semi-official organs are bid say that the blockade of Gaeta, not being recognized by France and the other Powers, B. de T. had orders not to tolerate a bombardment of Gaeta; had those orders because Emperor's wife, neither-in-law and brothers, should be exposed to bomb-shells such as the Palermians were exposed to a few months ago. Semi-official organs may be right, but most of the doubt whether they have exercised gentlemanly courtesy and kindness only toward this family group of Bonapartes, can conceive with the working of his prejudice against bombs. But it is considerably plainer than a hand-picked that the French Admiral himself did not definitely know what to make of his orders, whatever they were, and that pending the authoritative solution of his doubt, Persano has done what he at first forbade him to do, and that the doctrine of *faits accomplis* will now be accepted,

as throughout this Italian business it has been accepted by Napoleon.

Lord John Russell's letter to the British Minister at Turin settles that. I need not point out the flagrant logical contradiction of this diplomatic epistle and one written by the same hand to the same address two months ago. You will be apt to publish it entire. Enough, then, to say that if the English Government recognizes from this time forth the new state of things in Italy, and only waits for Francis II. to lift his last legs and shake Gaeta dust from his feet, to recognize V. Emanuel as King of Piedmont, Umbria, the Marches, and the Two Sicilies. The argument volunteered by Lord John in this document for the justification of Victor Emmanuel's policy and the national Italian action, applied *a fortiori* to similar policy and action, directed against Austrian dominion in Venetia. The grand significance of the note is this: it shows that even diplomats and ministers of foreign affairs have come to understand what ordinarily sensible newspaper readers have had little doubt of any time the last month, that Italy *farà da sé*, that Italy one and strong, and rapidly and irresistibly approaching formation. Once formed one and strong, her alliance is worth having. Lord John, by recognizing her in advance, directly in the face of the protests (which were, indeed, more common protests) of France and other powers, is bidding for her gratitude, countervailing her gratitude to France. Before long, count upon it, we shall have a counter bid from Louis Napoleon.

In this dispatch business, and in this Barlier Tinn business—two rather embarrassing business to the Government—the London Legation party has taken malicious pleasure. The Government party, on the other hand, has taken malicious pleasure, and the English is clever, by calling upon the political bishops who were lately so loudly eloquent with Heaven for the repose of the souls of the French fallen in defense of the Papal territory, to repeat their eloquent appeals to the same Grand Tribunal, of whose Bar they set up to be the special ornaments, for the repose of the French fallen in defense of omissions, missionaries, &c., in China. The political bishops will not answer enthusiastically to the call. Those souls of Frenchmen that left their bodies in China belong rather to the department of the Minister of War. They may get themselves generally prayed for; but there will be no such effort in their behalf, as was put forth in favor of those who fell into the purgatory devil by the pious fighting for the topographical privileges of P. M. D. They were forwarded to heaven by ship-dash, and no mistake; but lucky anonymous fellow got himself out in a wain by a cannon ball at Castelfidardo, whereby the noble Viscount Bellidiano "lost his baggage," among the rest.

I have said nothing about the Warsaw Conference since a week before its meeting, because now, a week and more after its meeting, nothing has appeared to show that my then appreciation of its naughtiness was not quite correct. Noticeable, however, in this connection as those four diplomatic horses of the Oldio race were, sent by Czar Alexander to Emperor Napoleon—every fish of wisdom, every drop of me pregnant with meaning, every word of the Emperor's head in the comedy—noticeable, I say in this connection, is the fact that the Emperor Napoleon and his Court have gone into official mourning and sadness for the death of that really worthy Duke, the Dowager Empress of Russia, since last Saturday. What makes this conventional grief noticeable is that it breaks out so soon as the telegraph announces the decease of Czar Alexander's excellent mother, instead of retarding its manifestation, as courtly custom is, till her death is diplomatically announced by courier.

The talk of Austria's military preparations for offense in Venetia is subsiding. The accounts of the preparations seem to have been considerably exaggerated. The general opinion here and now is quite decided that there will be no growing opinion, great or small. There is a growing opinion, great or small, that one can say what well-established grounds, but certainly growing that, somehow or other, between now and next Spring, a means will be found for settling the Venetian branch of the Italian question without a war. That means, if it means anything, that Austria will sell Venetia—the bitterness of the pill being disguised by the gilding. Other special some, however, hold strongly to the idea that the war will break out next Spring. Apart from opinion and conjecture, the fact is always present that Napoleon's preparations for war are kept in unrelaxed completeness.

At Lord Mayor's dinner, which is to be gobbled and gazed next Friday, diplomatic bodies resident here are not to forget themselves. They are to renounce calipene and calipash, by way of demonstrating against Lord John's letter to Hudson in defense of Victor Emmanuel. It is said that even the French Minister, Persigny, will join in this fasting protest, with the representatives of Naples, Austria, and Russia. This is bald fare, provocative only of melancholy guffaws. More cheerfully farcical was the solemnity at Windsor Castle last Tuesday, when Lord John presented to the Queen Count Ludolf, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the exiled King of the late Two Sicilies. This presentation by Lord John before Oct. 30, just three days after Lord John had wiped his pen of the famous dispatch to Sir Jas. Hudson at Turin.

The Chinese victory, of which mention was just made, is made much of by posters on the street and by the official Government journals, in spite of which the popular French do not particularly interest themselves, or care for it. I have observed that the *Monitor* and other journals are very courteous to the English in their glorifying over this success of the Chinese. There has been within the week a revival of some of the silly stale talk about dissension between the Courts of Tulleries and St. James, and, as usual, we have had one silly new pamphlet or two, full of ignorance and jealousy, directed against England. Notwithstanding which trifles and foolish rumors, and quite grave accidents, be assured that France and England will remain allied by political and material interests.

## SIR CHARLES NAPIER.

From the London Times, Nov. 7.

The group of illustrious men who came into the world in the same decade with the French Revolution is fast becoming a thing of the past. The survivors of that epoch are few and far between. Today we have to chronicle the departure of one of the small group—Admiral Sir Charles Napier. It has often been our duty in the later years of his life to speak plausibly of the gallant old Admiral, but we have never forgotten his real merits. These were of no mean order, and fairly entitled him to the admiration and gratitude of his countrymen. In his name is summed up all that he was. A Napierist man possessed of high spirit, immense courage, great integrity, prodigious energy, and a heart full of noble and generous feelings, he was one of the great leaders of the age. And another Napier, another of the "Ready, steady, school," is gone. We shall never more see his ruddy, jolly countenance twining over his broad brow, as in his blue coat and white trousers he trudged down to the House before him, with a speech on the sorrows of the navy. He has fired his last gun; he is gone to the haven of his rest. We will forget long speeches and words of battle, to remember him only as he was in his prime—the daring and the brilliant captain.

He was born at Merchiston Hall, in the family of Stirling, on the 6th of July, 1771. His father, the Earl of Stirling, was a descendant of the celebrated inventor of logarithms. His father, after whom he was named, was the second son of Francis, the fifth Lord Napier. He entered the navy at the age of 13 as a volunteer, and served on board a great variety of vessels, from sloops to flagships, on many different stations, from the North Sea to the Mediterranean, and from the West Indies to the West Indies. These were the mighty Nelson days, but it was not Sir Charles Napier's good fortune to be engaged in any of the great naval battles of which the early part of the present century is replete with. Our cruises, however, were not without glory, and Napier had to do with a few of the great naval battles of the century. He was in the *Albatross*, in cutting out merchantmen, and in attacking West Indian Islands, such as St. Thomas and Martinique. 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